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**FORMER WACO BUSINESSMAN PLEADS GUILTY TO
PRODUCING CHILD PORNOGRAPHY**

United States Attorney Johnny Sutton announced that in Waco this afternoon, 49-year-old Phillip Warren Roberts pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy to produce child pornography. As a result, Roberts faces between 15 and 30 years in federal prison and a maximum \$250,000 fine. Sentencing is scheduled for September 4, 2008, at 1:00pm before United States Senior District Judge Walter S. Smith, Jr.

In pleading guilty, the former owner of Century Alpha, an Internet service provider, admitted that from June 2003 and October 2003, the defendant conspired with a Pennsylvania woman to provide him via a computer with sexually explicit photos of a two year old in exchange for \$2,000.

During the investigation, authorities executed search warrants at Roberts' residence and business where they seized several computers. A forensic examination of the computers revealed the presence of more than 47,000 images and over 675 videos depicting child pornography.

The Project Safe Childhood case was investigated by agents with Federal Bureau of Investigation together with the Waco Police Department. Assistant United States Attorney Greg Gloff is prosecuting this case for the Government.

McCullen was prosecuted federally in Pennsylvania and is currently awaiting sentencing.

Project Safe Childhood (PSC) aims to combat the proliferation of technology-facilitated sexual exploitation crimes against children. The threat of sexual predators soliciting children for physical sexual contact is well-known and serious; the danger of the production, distribution, and possession of child pornography is equally dramatic and disturbing. The response to these growing problems must be coordinated, comprehensive, and robust. It must aim to investigate and prosecute vigorously, and protect and assist victimized children. At the same time, it must recognize the need for a broad, community-based effort to protect our children and to guarantee to future generations the opportunities of the American dream.

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